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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A computing apparatus, comprising:

a housing comprising a front shell, a back shell and a midframe, wherein the midframe is positioned between the front shell and the back shell to form at least a portion of a perimeter of the housing, the housing further comprising aa slot that extends at least a majority of a length of the housing and is at least partially exposed along a lateral side of the housing, the accessory slot being shaped to receive and accommodate at least one removable device; and

wherein slot is formed as part of the midframe.

2. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slot is shaped to only partially enclose the removeable device along substantially a length of the removeable device.

3. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein a bottom of the housing is flared out and acts as a stop for the removeable device when the removeable device is inserted into the slot..

4. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the removeable slot is substantially cylindrical.

5. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the removeable device is a stylus device.

6. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the removeable device is a spine portion of a cover device.

7. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

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a communication port within an interior surface of the slot, the communication port having at least one communicative contact.

8. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 7, wherein the removeable device is an input/output stylus device having a plurality of contacts which connect to the at least one contact of the communication when the input/output stylus device is inserted into the slot.

9. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slot includes a retaining device for retaining removeable devices.

10. (Previously Presented) The computing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the retaining device is a notch which mates with a detent on the removeable device.

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41. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slot is shaped to receive a stylus as the removeable device.

42. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slot is shaped to receive a spine of one of a cover or encasement as the removevable device.

43. (Previously Presented)   A computing apparatus comprising:

a display;

a housing formed at least in part by a front shell and a back shell, the front shell including a front face that provides access to a display, and the back shell including a back face opposing the front face, the housing including a midframe positioned at least

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partially between the front shell and the back shell, wherein the midframe is at least

partially exposed along one or more peripheral surfaces of the housing, and wherein the

midframe extends around one or more internal components of the computing apparatus,

including the display; and

a first slot formed in the midframe of the housing, and wherein the first slot

includes an opening that extends a majority of a length of the first slot, the opening of the

first slot being provided on a first portion of the peripheral surface.

44. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, further comprising a

second slot formed in the midframe of the housing, and wherein the second slot includes

an opening that extends a majority of a length of second slot, the opening of the second

slot being provided on a second portion of the peripheral surface.

45. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein the first

peripheral portion and the second peripheral portion are positioned on opposite lateral

sides of the housing.

46. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein the first slot

includes a substantially rounded interior.

47. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 44, wherein the first slot

and the second slot each include a substantially rounded interior.

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48. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein the first slot

is shaped to receive either a stylus or a spine of an accessory device.

49. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein the

peripheral portion is formed from at least portions of the front shell and the back shell.

50. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein at least a

third portion of the peripheral surface is formed from a material which is at least partially

transmissive to infrared light.

51. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 50, wherein the housing

includes an interior space for accommodating an infrared communications component,

and wherein the third portion of the peripheral surface is adjacent to the component.

52. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 51, wherein the third

portion of the peripheral surface is formed by the midframe.

53. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 52, wherein the material

for the third portion of the peripheral surface is polished.

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54. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 52, wherein the material

for the third portion of the peripheral surface is opaque to visible light.

55. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein the

peripheral surface is formed from a plurality of housing segments, which include the

midframe.

56. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 43, wherein midframe is

constructed from a plurality of segments.

57. (Previously Presented)   A computing apparatus comprising:

a housing formed at least in part by a front shell, a back shell, and a midframe,

wherein midframe forms at least a portion of a periphery of the housing, and wherein the

front shell includes a front face that provides access to a display, and the back shell

includes a back face opposing the front face, and wherein the housing includes a

peripheral surface that forms a thickness of the housing between the front face and the

back face; and

a first slot formed in the midframe of the housing, wherein first slot is only

partially formed so as to have an opening that extends at least a majority of a length of

the first slot, the opening of the first slot being formed on a first portion of the peripheral

surface, wherein the first slot is shaped to receive a first elongated removeable device so

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that at least a portion of an overall length of the first elongated emoveable device is

exposed by the opening of the first slot; and

a second slot formed in the midframe of the housing, wherein the second slot is

only partially formed so as to have an opening that extends lengthwise a majority of a

length of the second slot, the opening of the second slot being formed on a second potion

of the peripheral surface, wherein the second slot is shaped to receive a second elongated

removeable device so that at least a portion of an overall length of the second elongated

removeable device is exposed by the opening of the second slot.

58. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 57, wherein the

peripheral surface is includes a third portion that is at least partially formed from a

material which is at least partially transmissive to infrared light.

59. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 57, wherein at least one

of the first slot and the second slot includes a rounded interior.

60. (Previously Presented)   The computing apparatus of claim 57, wherein at least one

of the first slot and the second slot is integrally formed in the midframe.

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